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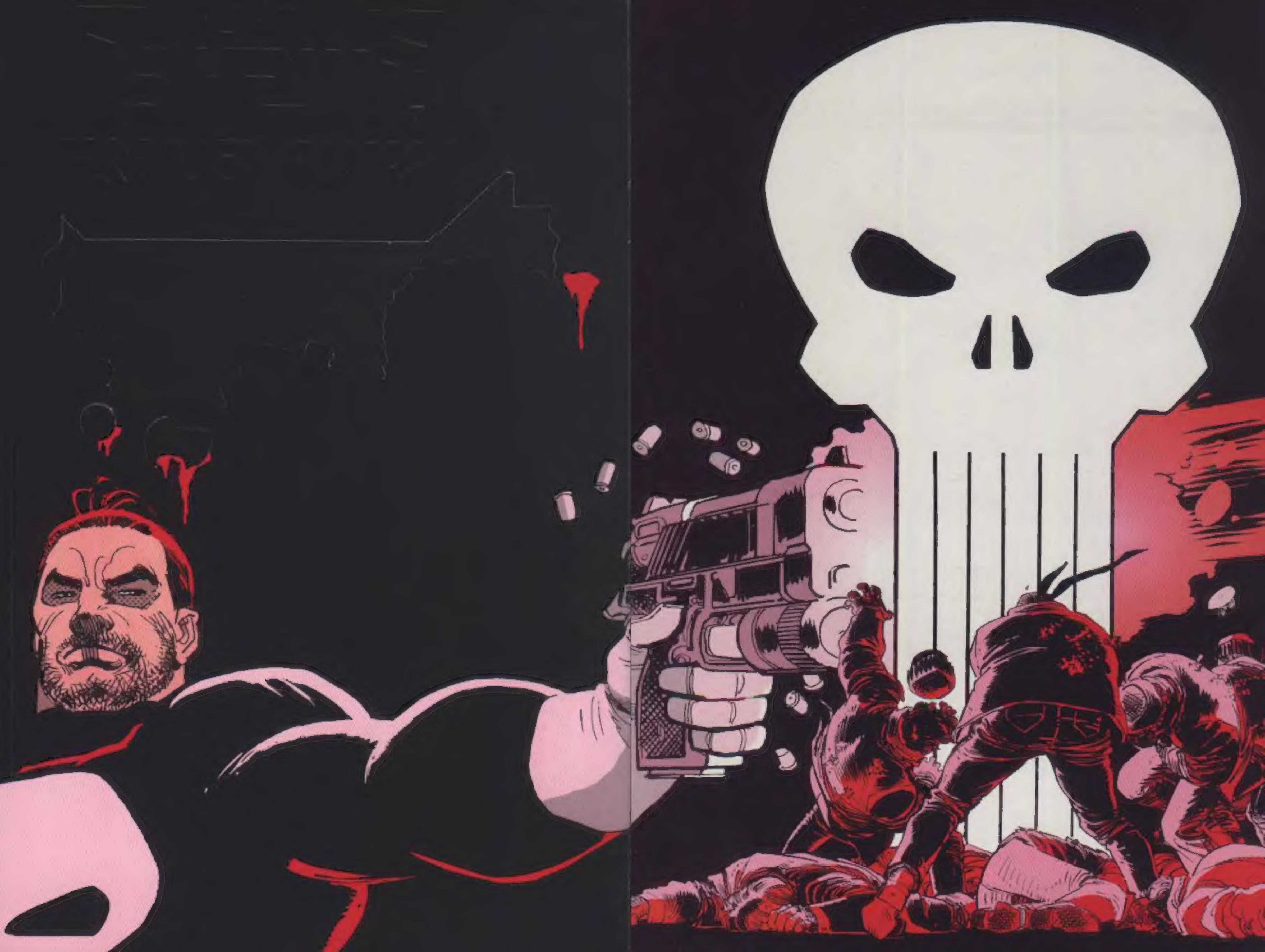
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# THE PUNISHER WAR ZONE





WHEN MOBSTERS SLEW HIS FAMILY, FRANK CASTLE VOWED TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE AVENGING THEM! TRAINED AS A MARINE, AND EQUIPPED WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART ARSENAL, HE NOW WAGES A ONE-MAN WAR ON CRIME! STAN LEE PRESENTS ...

**THE PUNISHER**  
**WAR ZONE**

STAND BACK, MAN, OR I'LL WASTE HER!

I'M IN THE BUSHWICK SECTION OF BROOKLYN TO MEET AN INFORMANT.

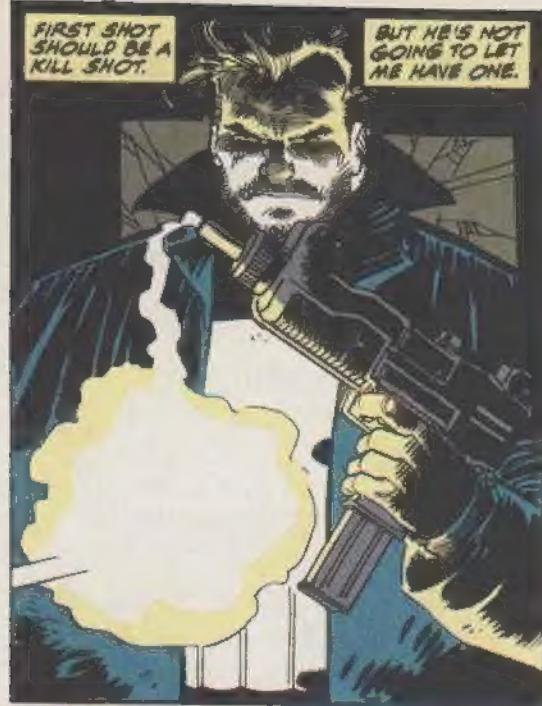
THE MEET NEVER COMES OFF.

I'M WALKING INTO A BAD SITUATION GETTING WORSE EVERY SECOND.

MY SNITCH HAS GONE BALLISTIC ON ICE OR LIGHTNING OR SOME OTHER LAB JUNK.



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DELBERT WAS USEFUL  
TO ME ONCE.

HE HEARD THINGS.  
HE HUNG WITH THE  
BOTTOM FEEDERS.

HE CAN HANG WITH  
THE DEVIL NOW.



...BERT KNEW THE  
SHOOTER. BUT HE  
DIDN'T USE A NAME  
OR ANYTHING.

WHAT DID HE  
LOOK LIKE?

DID THE SHOOTER  
TALK TO YOU?

I...

I...

NO MORE  
QUESTIONS...







MICROCHIP'S BEEN  
TAKING OFF A COUPLE  
OF NIGHTS A WEEK FOR  
ABOUT A MONTH NOW.



I'M WONDERING IF HE'S  
LOST THE NERVE FOR  
THE WAR WE WAGE.

I'VE GOT TO  
KNOW IF I CAN  
TRUST HIM.



HE'S GOOD AT THIS.



HE CHECKS ALL  
AROUND FOR TAILS  
WITHOUT BEING  
OBVIOUS ABOUT IT.



HE'S GOING TO WAIT  
FOR THE NEXT TRAIN.



HE CAN'T KNOW IT'S ME.



MICRO'S BEEN AT THIS SO LONG  
HE LOOKS FOR TROUBLE FROM  
ALL SIDES.



I'VE BEEN AT IT LONGER.



WE'VE BOTH HAD OUR LOSSES. WE  
BOTH HAVE PEOPLE THAT WE DO  
THIS FOR.



WE GET OFF  
IN MIDTOWN  
MANHATTAN.

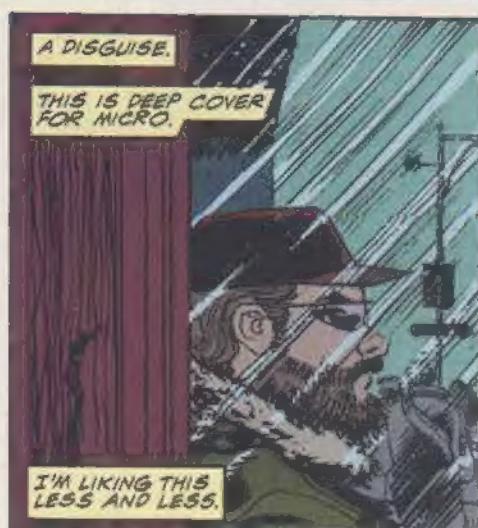
THIS COULD BE ANOTHER  
DODGE. I WAIT OUTSIDE.



A DISGUISE.

THIS IS DEEP COVER  
FOR MICRO.

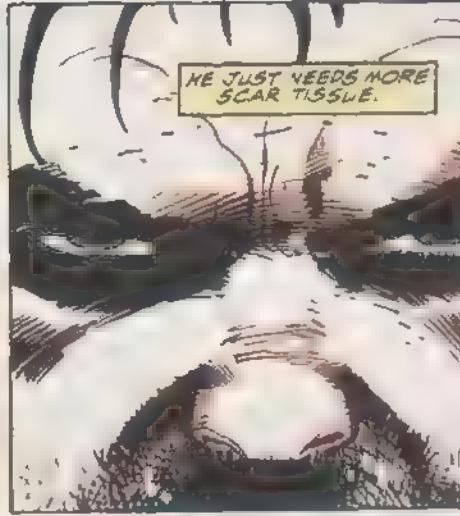
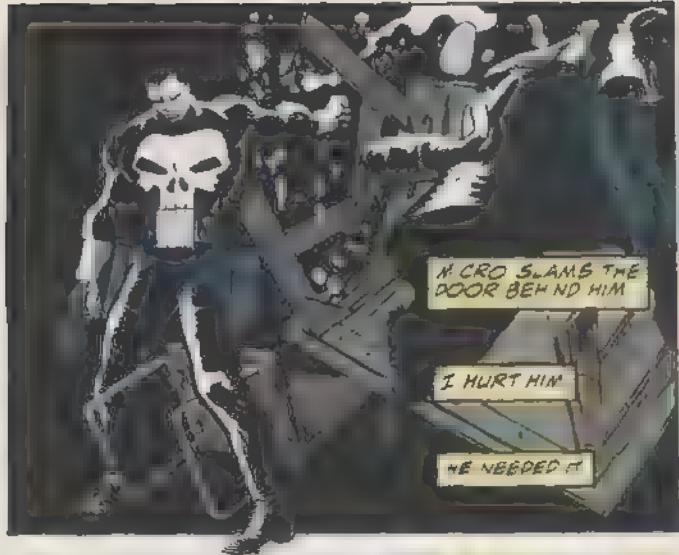
I'M LIKING THIS  
LESS AND LESS.

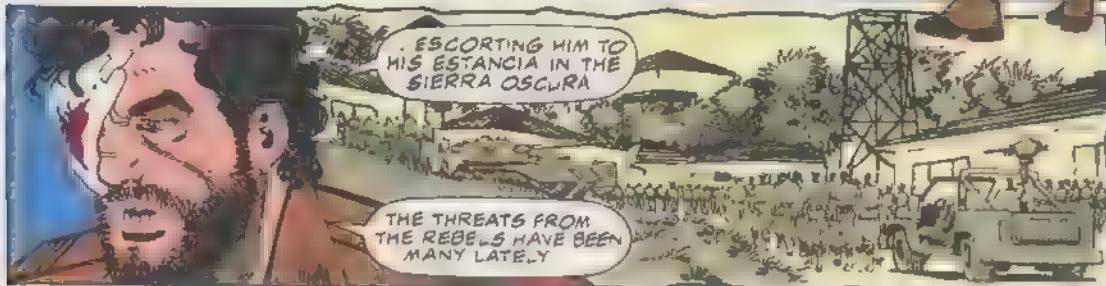












"I SAW THE ASSASSIN AS A MAN WOULD IN A FEVER DREAM."

HE WAS A GIANT A MONSTER OUT OF A NIGHTMARE

ONE MAN? ONE MAN SLAYS A HUNDRED OF OUR BEST COMMANDOS?

IMPOSSIBLE! THE LIES OF A COWARD!

"THEN I SUCUMBED TO THE PAIN OF MY WOUND"

MY FIRST ACT AS PRESIDENT WILL BE TO ORDER YOUR EXECUTION!

SORRY, GENERAL

EQUENZ

NO

IF THERE'S ANY EXECUTIN TO BE DONE I'LL BE DOIN IT

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!



LITTLE PLACE ON MULBERRY  
JUST OFF CANAL

FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT'S  
LIKE A DOZEN OTHER RESTAURANTS IN CHINATOWN

QUON LUCK  
RESTAURANT

BUT THIS ONE'S SPECIAL

THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN  
YOU'LL FIND ON THE MENU

IT'S THE BANK FOR THE  
CASINOS THE TRAPS RUN

I HEARD THIS FROM A LOUSE WHO HEARD IT FROM A  
FRIEND OF A FRIEND OF A FRIEND

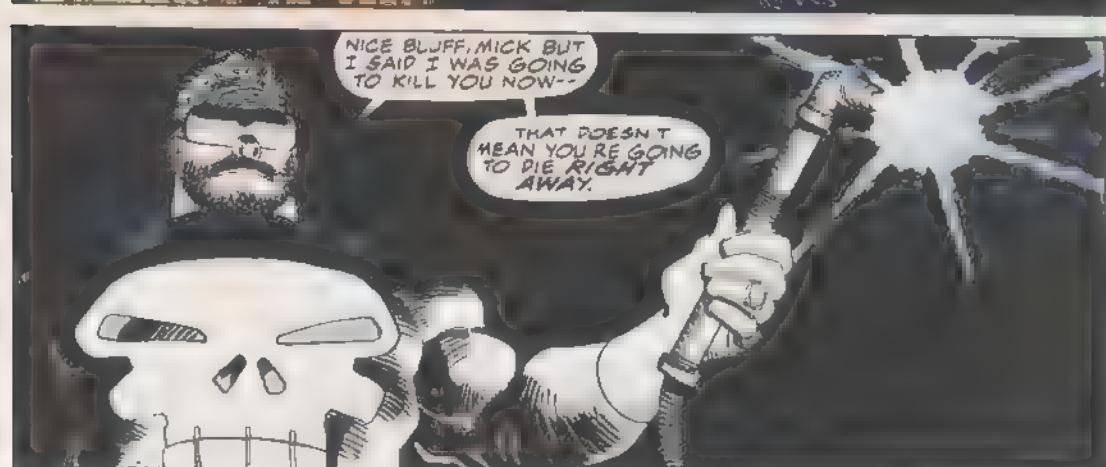
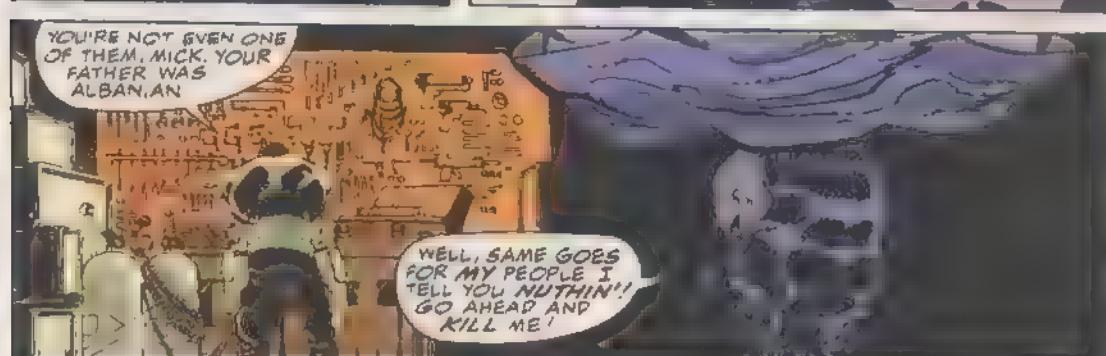
SOMEWISE GUYS WERE  
GOING TO DO A LITTLE  
FREELANCE

THEY WERE LOOKING FOR  
SOME SIDE MONEY











I TRUST HIM AS FAR AS  
I CAN THROW HIM

BUT HE KNOWS IF HE RATS  
ME OUT I'LL KILL HIM

IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE TO  
BE ALL BAD FOR HIM

HE'S A LOW MAN IN THE CARBONE  
OUTFIT HE'S GOT NOWHERE TO  
GO BUT UP

BRUING!

YEAH?

MICKEY, THIS IS  
ANDY CALABRESE

YEAH,  
ANDY?

WE GOT A PROBLEM NICO,  
ARNIE FREDDIE, AND TONY  
THE TUNA WERE FOUND  
SHOT TO DEATH ON  
MULBERRY THEY WERE  
PULLIN' DOWN A SCORE

YOU KNOW ANYTHIN'  
ABOUT THAT?

NO WAY, ANDY I  
JUST NOW GOT BACK  
FROM MY MOTHER'S  
IN TRENTON

OKAY

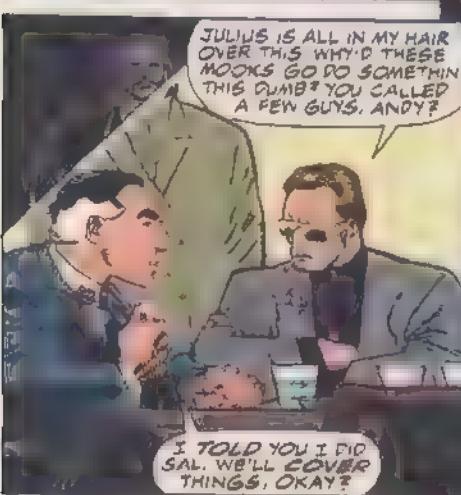
WELL, THIS LEAVES US SHORT-  
HANDED I NEED SOME NEW  
GUYS FOR A THING THAT'S  
COMIN' UP

YOU KNOW ANY-  
BODY LOOKIN'  
FOR WORK?

YEAH,  
SURE

I KNOW  
A GUY

FRANKIE'S REC ROOM BAY RIDGE IN BROOKLYN



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